GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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CUSTOMS SHOPS OF ARMS AND AMMUNITIONS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the current stock of arms and ammunitions in the Customs Shops;

(b) the details of the persons who are entitled to purchase arms from the customs department;

(c) the manner in which the price of arms sold to MPs is determined;

(d) whether some concession is given to MPs for the purchase of weapons for self defence; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a): The current stock of confiscated non-prohibited bore arms and ammunition ripe for disposal, available with various Custom Houses/Commissionerates is reported to be as under :

	Nos.
(i) Assorted arms such as Pistols /Revolvers/ Rifles/Guns etc.	572
(ii) Assorted Ammunition	1,67,646

(b): It has been the policy of the Govt. to consider individual requests of VIPs after meeting the departmental requirements. The weapons sold are for their personal use/safety and carry a condition of `No resale`. For security considerations and lack of sufficient availability, very restricted sales to VIPs only are permitted.

(c): The sale price of any particular model/category of confiscated non-prohibited bore weapon (pistol, revolver or rifle) sold to an MP, is determined taking due note of the prevailing likely CIF price of the weapon for import into India plus the customs duty element (@ 150%) plus 10% of the CIF cum duty price (for the sale margin). Sales Tax, as applicable, is chargeable on this total price in addition.

(d) & (e): The sale to MPs is only for self defence and the price is determined as at (c) above.